



**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

For

Modification of a Part B Permit Closure Plan
Former Palm Enterprises Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Fallbrook
Fallbrook, San Diego County, California

Project Title: Former Palm Enterprises Treating Facility

State Clearinghouse Number:

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Project Location:

Former Palm Enterprises Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Fallbrook
700 Ammunition Road
Fallbrook, CA 92002-3187

Section: 26
Township: 9 South
Range: 4 West

Project Description:

Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Detachment Fallbrook (NWSSBDF) is requesting approval of a Closure Certification Report (CCR) from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). This CCR provides information to verify that NWSSBDF successfully decontaminated and closed the former Palm Enterprises hazardous waste treatment facility located on the base. NWSSBDF is also requesting DTSC approval of a Closure Plan (CP) that contained procedures used to decontaminate and close this facility. This CP was prepared and submitted following guidelines contained in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 66264.112. This Initial Study examines the potential impacts associated with closure activities and verification procedures.

Closure activities conducted by NWSSBDF following guidelines contained under CCR, Title 22, Section 66264.112 included:

- Decontamination and off-site transport of equipment, units, and concrete containment berms and pads;

- Decontamination and off-site transport of metal components;
- Consolidation and off-site transport of rinsate and oily wastes;
- Off-site transport of dried napalm chips, soil mixed with napalm chips, and metal components plugged with napalm (mainly pipes, valves, and inaccessible equipment, such as the extruder and condenser materials contaminated with napalm residue);
- Excavation and off-site transport of contaminated soils;
- Removal, decontamination, and off-site transport of underground storage tanks;
- Backfill and compaction of excavated areas with soil obtained from on-site and off-site sources;
- Waste characterization of rinsate, concrete, and soil; and
- Sampling of soils to verify that closure activities met closure performance standards.

Mitigation Measures:

Mitigation measures were employed during the project activities as fully described in the attached Special Initial Study. A biologist was present each day during site clean-up/closure activities to ensure that the surrounding wildlife was not disturbed. The project is now complete, and no further measures are necessary. The site is under consideration for certification as a clean closed facility.

Findings of Significant Effect on Environment:

No significant effects resulted from this project. (The Special Initial Study supporting this finding is attached)

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